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1. INDOCHINA

IN BRIEF WH STATEMENT THURSDAY, PRES SAID US VIEWS CAMBODIA
FALL WITH SADNESS, COMPASSION, AND EXPRESSED ADMIRATION
FOR KHMER LEADERS, PEOPLE (HEALY, NYDN; PHINQ). DEM
LEADERS HIT PRES, VP ON INDOCHINA REMARKS, ACCUSE THEM OF
TRYING MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF TRAGEDY (KUMPA, SUN;
BOYD, PHINQ). WSTAR'S BRADSHER (4/17) SEES FORD, HILL
APART AGAIN ON VN, WITH PRES INSISTING ON 722 MILLION
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DOLS IN AID TO TRY SALVAGE SVN MIL POSITION, WHILE CONGRESS
TALKS ABOUT 150-200 MILLION TO GET AMERICANS OUT. WSTAR'S
BARNES (4/17) BELIEVES WH/ HILL CONFRONTATION MAY BE DEVELOPI
OVER PRES' RELUCTANCE RELEASE NIXON COMMUNICATIONS WITH

THIEU ON US SUPPORT FOR GVN.

SECSTATE TAKES TOUGH ATTITUDE, ACCUSES USSR/CHINA OF HELPING HANOI MAKE MOCKERY OF C-F, ASSAILS OTHER SIGNATORIES FOR ABDICATING RESPONSIBILITY OR LOOKING ON IN SILENCE (CARTER, NYDN). HAK REMARKS THURSDAY TO AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS WERE ROUGHEST ANY ADMIN OFFICIAL HAS USED

ON SUBJECT OF RUSSIAN, CHINESE ROLES IN SVN MIL SETBACK (MILLS, SUN). IN MAJOR ASSESSMENT OF TRAGIC INDOCHINA PROBLEM, SECSTATE SAID WORLD WILL CLOSELY WATCH US REACTION. HAK INVOKED PRES' THEME THAT TIME TO END VN DEBATE, BUT EMPLOYED COUNTERVAILING TOPIC THAT MANY US FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS OF "OUR OWN MAKING." CRITICISM OF USSR, PRC IN MARKED CONTRAST TO PRES' REMARKS TO SAME GROUP WEDS; CENTRAL FOCUS WAS ON WHAT INDOCHINA TRAGEDY HAS DONE TO US ABILITY INFLUENCE WORLD AFFAIRS. MADE NO DIRECT MENTION CAMBODIA (MARDER, WP). IN ADMIN'S MOST SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO SHIFT FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION AWAY FROM INDOCHINA NOW THAT GKR HAS SURRENDERED AND GVN FUTURE IN DOUBT, HAK SAID COOPERATION BETWEEN HILL, WH IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS "GRAVE NATIONAL IMPERATIVE"; AND WAS RESTRAINED IN BLAMING CONGRESS FOR SETBACKS. NESSEN LATER SAID SAW NO INCONSISTENCY IN COMMENTS OF HAK, FORD ON RUSSIAN, CHINESE ROLE IN INDOCHINA (GWERTZMAN, NYT). WSJ'S KEATLEY OBSERVES US MADE CLEAR IRRITATED WITH COMMUNIST SUPERPOWERS FOR SENDING NVN SO MUCH AID. HAK REMARKS WERE DASH OF COLD WATER FOR DETENTE, DIFFERED SHARPLY FROM PRES' COMMENTS DAY BEFORE. SECSTATE ALSO PEEVED WITH ALLIES FOR SILENCE OVER HANOI VIOLATIONS. SPENT MOST OF SPEECH CALLING FOR NEW COOPERATION WITH CONGRESS ON FOREIGN POLICY.

SENS JACKSON, BENTSEN, REP UDALL RAPPED HAK IN EARLIER ASNE APPEARANCES. JACKSON CITED "PATTERN OF SECRET PERSONAL DIPLOMACY," SAID DISASTER WILL COME WHEN SECRET PROMISE OTHERS COUNTED ON CANNOT BE CARRIED THROUGH. UNCLASSIFIED

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BENTSEN COMPLAINED SECSTATE BYPASSES DOS EXPERTS WHO COULD GIVE VALUABLE POLICY GUIDANCE, PRESENTS POLICY TO CONGRESS WITH "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" ATTITUDE (APPLE, NYT). UDALL ARGUED CONGRESS RIGHT IN REFUSING SVN MASSIVE NEW MIL AID, CRITICIZED HAK FOR "SIREN SONG" ALLEGING SEA REVERSES HAD DAMAGED US STATURE ELSEWHERE.

NYDN'S WIEGHART REPORTS SOME BELIEVE HAK HIMSELF IS SOURCE OF RUMORS HE MAY QUIT, DOES THIS WHEN FEELS INSECURE ABOUT STANDING WITH PRES BECAUSE OF POLICY FAILURES, AS IN INDOCHINA.

CSM'S SPERLING DETECTS BEGINNING OF TILT IN CONGRESS

TOWARD SUPPLYING SVN MIL AID. SUN'S PEPPER REPORTS
HOUSE INTL REL COMM APPROVED 150 MILLION DOL CONTINGENCY
FUND FOR USE PRIMARILY EVACUATE AMERICANS FROM SVN;
SASC REJECTED NEW FUNDS BEYOND 300 MILLION DOLS AUTHORIZED
FOR CURRENT FY BUT NEVER APPROPRIATED; SFRC DELAYED ACTION

FOR ANOTHER DAY ON PROPOSED 200 MILLION DOL CONTINGENCY
FUND, ANGERED AT RATE AMCITS LEAVING SVN. SASC ACTION
CAME JUST HOURS AFTER PRES SAID PLEASED WITH CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEES' PROGRESS, URGENCY ON HUMANITARIAN-EVACUATION,
MIL AID REQUESTS (AP, PHINQ). NEGATIVE MIL AID VOTE
BY USUALLY-HAWKISH SASC REPRESENTED SERIOUS BLOW TO
PRES' HOPE OF CONTINUING GVN AID (NYDN).

MAJOR ISSUES CONCERNING CONGRESS ARE HOW MUCH MONEY, IF
ANY, SHOULD GO TO SVN, AND FATE OF AMERICANS STILL IN
SAIGON (CHITRIB). SASC VOTE CLEARLY SIGNALS SUBSTANTIAL
PART OF CONGRESS CONSIDERS VN WAR ALL BUT LOST AND TIME
TO CUT LOSSES. SENATE FOCUS ON "INADEQUATE PACE" OF
WITHDRAWAL OF US CIVILIANS; MCGOVERN TELLS NEWSMEN
AMB MARTIN "STILL DRAGGING HIS FEET." HOUSE INTL REL
COMM DEBATE MOSTLY OVER WHAT RESTRICTIONS ON TROOP USE
FOR EVACUATION. SFRC REFUSED APPROVE EVACUATION FUNDS,
ACCORDING SEN CASE, BECAUSE DOS STILL HADN'T COME UP
WITH ADEQUATE, DETAILED SCHEDULE OF WITHDRAWALS AMCITS,
DEPENDENTS (LYONS/RICH, WP). COMMITTEE ACTIONS INDICATE
CONGRESS WILLING GO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS ASSURE SAFE
EVACUATION OF AMERICANS, BUT NOT DISPOSED GIVE FURTHER
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HELP TO GVN OR EVACUATE LARGE NUMBERS VIETS (ROSENBAUM,
NYT).

THOUGH FUNDS DELAYED, US EXODUS FROM SVN CONTINUES
WITH 104 AMCITS AND DEPENDENTS REACHING CLARK AB
APR 17; MOST CONTRACT PERSONNEL (UPI, NYDN; OBERDORFER,
WP). IN SAIGON, FIRST OF SEVERAL THOUSAND PACKING TO
LEAVE UNDER PRES' ORDER FOR EVACUATION OF NON-ESSENTIAL
US PERSONNEL (PHINQ). NYT'S BUTTERFIELD IN SAIGON
NOTES GVN AGREED SPEED UP DEPARTURE OF VIET WIVES AND
CHILDREN, MOVE CONSIDERED BREAKTHROUGH IN VN EVACUATION
EFFORT. NOTES NEARLY 2000 AMCITS HAD NEVER REGISTERED
AT EMBASSY UNTIL GVN FACED THREAT OF ARMY COLLAPSE.
HEARST'S WALLACH (BALTO N-A 4/17) QUOTES SEN CHURCH THAT
PRES AND SECSTATE PRIVATELY INFORMED CONGRESS US
EVACUATING 300-500 AMCITS PER DAY FROM SVN, BUT ADMIN
NOT PREPARED REDUCE US PRESENCE TO LEVEL BELOW 1500.
SEN ADDED HAK PLEDGED BETWEEN 3-4000 AMERICANS COULD BE
EVACUATED IN NEXT 10 DAYS, AND MADE URGENT PLEA NUMBERS
BE KEPT SECRET.

WP'S MCCOMBS REPORTS SVN POLICE MAJOR MADE SCENE OUTSIDE

US CONSULATE WHERE LONG LINE WAITED, EVIDENTLY WORKED UP BECAUSE OF DESIRE OF MANY TO LEAVE. SEES INCIDENT AS INDICATIVE OF EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE IN SAIGON AND RESENTMENT WITH WHICH VIETS TEND VIEW US REACTION TO

EVENTS. NYT'S MONTGOMERY SAYS AT LEAST 4 DOD-CHARTERED CARGO SHIPS OFF SVN OR ON WAY, WITH ORDERS STAND BY FOR POSSIBLE REFUGEE EVACUATION.

BETWEEN 230-250 VIETS FLOWN TO CLARK ABOARD USAF PLANES WITHOUT EXIT PERMITS OR PASSPORTS. FOLLOWING INCIDENT, US DEP DEF ATTACHE RELIEVED OF COMMAND, "HUSTLED OUT" OF SAIGON (BUTTERFIELD). PHILS CLOSING OFFICIAL EYES TO SMUGGLED VIETS, WHO BEING HOUSED, FED AT CLARK AB (OBERDORFER). REFUGEES BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO UNDER DOS ORDERS. NO NATION HAS AGREED ACCEPT S VIETS, AND PHILS APPARENTLY WORRIED BY POTENTIAL FLOOD. MANY OF GROUP HAD CONNECTIONS WITH AMERICANS IN SVN. EXACT MEANS USED TO GET ABOARD USAF PLANES STILL NOT KNOWN UNCLASSIFIED

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(ANDELMAN, NYT).

CSM'S HALVERSON SAYS PROPOSED 40-MILE REFUGEE ESCAPE CORRIDOR, SAIGON TO VUNG TU, BEING MULLED, BUT TIME RUNNING OUT AS COMMUNISTS ADVANCE. AP REPORTS GUAM GOVT PLANS OFFER PERMANENT RESIDENCE TO MANY AS 25,000 VIET REFUGEES IF SVN FALLS (NYT). US LINE DISCLOSES ITS SHIPS RESCUED OVER 50,000 VIET REFUGEES FROM DA NANG IN MARCH, APRIL, WITH 3 SHIPS (AP, SUN; NYDN; CSM).

WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AT ROME ALLOCATED 6 MILLION DOLS FOR HIGH-PROTEIN FOOD FOR INDOCHINA AT REQUEST UN SECGEN (WP; UPI, JOC). WALDHEIM APPEALED TO UN MEMBERS FOR 100 MILLION DOLS TO PROVIDE FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICINE FOR "INNOCENT PERSONS" IN INDOCHINA (SHERMAN, NYDN). SECGEN SENT REP TO HANOI FOR TALKS WITH NVN, VC ON "WHOLE VIETNAMESE SITUATION" (NYT).

INTL RED CROSS REPORTS ALL WELL WITH 2000 FOREIGNERS, SOME AMERICANS, HOLED UP IN HOTEL LE PHNOM. LONG BORET REPORTEDLY FLED CAPITAL BY COPTER FOR KOMPONG CHHNANG. SIEM REAP, KOMPONG SOM AND SAMRONG GKR GARRISONS SAID TO BE STILL HOLDING OUT (CHITRIB). WORLD WATCHES EVENTS IN CAMBODIA WITH WARY EYE, THOUGH MANY NATIONS PREPARE RECOGNIZE GRUNK (WP; CHITRIB). DISPATCHES FROM US JOURNALISTS IN PP CEASE (NYT; NYDN; CHITRIB).

PP CALM AFTER SURRENDER AS INSURGENT SPOKESMAN SAYS WILL BE NO "BLOODBATH" (PHINQ). REBELS TALK CONCILIATION IN PP, INVITE ALL GKR MINISTERS AND GENERALS HELP

FORMULATE MEASURES RESTORE ORDER (AP SUN, NYT). KHMER ROUGE CELEBRATE VICTORY. THAILAND SEALS BORDER WITH CAMBODIA TO PREVENT REFUGEE FLOOD. SAK SUTSAKHAN REPORTEDLY AMONG 120 KHMERS ARRIVING IN 3 PLANES AT UTAPAO (WP).

CAMBODIAN VICTORS PLEDGE NEUTRALITY. SKETCHY REPORTS INDICATE MANY GKR LEADERS FLED TO THAILAND OR TO SET UP ANTI-COMMUNIST RESISTANCE OUTSIDE PP. SIHANOUK CALLS VICTORY MOST BEAUTIFUL PAGE IN CAMBODIAN HISTORY. SIRIK MATAK, IN TAM BELIEVED STILL IN CAMBODIA. UNCLASSIFIED

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BATTAMBANG STILL IN GKR HANDS, BUT LITTLE HOPE IT CAN HOLD OUT FOR LONG (UPI, NYDN). KHMER COMMUNIST REPS IN PARIS PLEDGE NEUTRALITY, NON-ALIGNMENT; SAY SIHANOUK CHIEF OF STATE AND WILL RETURN CAMBODIA WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT (LEWIS, NYT).

AUSTRALIA GRANTS RESIDENCE TO WOMAN CLAIMING TO BE SIHANOUK'S DAUGHTER, BUT SAID COULD NOT CONFIRM CONTENTION (WP). SIHANOUK VOICES JOY IN PEKING (AFP, NYT). PRINCE WILL REMAIN IN CHINA, SAYS TO PURSUE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES (WU, SUN). UNCERTAIN GKR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CONDUCTS "BUSINESS AS USUAL," BUT FLAG DOWN (BECKER, WP).

NYT (PETERSON) AND PHINQ (AP) CARRY BIOS OF KHIEU SAMPHAN.

DOD HALTS AIRDROP OF SUPPLIES INTO CAMBODIA FOLLOWING PP'S SURRENDER (AP, SUN). ABOUT 100,000 TONS FOOD FOR PEACE RICE THAT WERE HEADED TO GKR MAY NOW BE USED FEED SVIET REFUGEES (UPI, NYDN). MANY MIXUPS MAR KHMER BABYLIFT; INS BELIEVES SOME NOT ORPHANS (NYDN). US SEEKS INFO ON 28 KHMER CHILDREN WHO ARRIVED WASHINGTON (ROZHON, SUN). INS INVESTIGATES POSSIBLE BRIBES, OTHER IRREGULARITIES THAT HAVE CLOUDED STATUS OF 28 CAMBODIAN CHILDREN AIRLIFTED TO US (UPI, PHINQ). TEMPORARY SUSPENSION "OPERATION BABYLIFT" PROBABLY LIFTED WITHIN WEEK OR 2, ACCORDING INS (WP; SHABECOFF, NYT). SEVERAL PAPERS CARRY HUMAN-INTEREST STORIES, PHOTOS OF RECENTLY-ARRIVED VIET ORPHANS WITH NEW FAMILIES.

NYT'S MARKHAM REPORTS AMB MARTIN ASTONISHED OFFICIALS BY RUNNING "BUSINESS AS USUAL" OPERATION DESPITE GVN MIL DECLINE. SAYS AMB CONCERNED WITH LONG-RANGE ECON DEVELOPMENT, SENDS CABLES TO DOS WITH HIGHEST POSSIBLE CLASSIFICATION FOR FEAR OF PRESS LEAKS. NOTES SECSTATE RECENTLY REITERATED FULL SUPPORT FOR MARTIN.

SUN'S CORDDRY SAYS VIRTUALLY ENTIRE NVA IN SVN; ODDS AGAINST SVN, ABOUT 2-1, CONSIDERED SO GRIM MANY MIL

MEN PRIVATELY CONCEDE LITTLE PROSPECT OF US AID IMPROVING
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SITUATION. PP FALL DEEPENS SAIGON GLOOM (AP, SUN).
NYT'S MIDDLETON BELIEVES ODDS AGAINST GVN DUE MANPOWER,
WEAPONS DEFICIENCY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). COMMUNIST

COMMAND IN SVN ISSUES DIRECTIVE INSTRUCTING FORCES
PRESS FOR MIL VICTORY THIS YEAR (CAPUTO, CHITRIB).
HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE IN CLOSED SESSION
HEARD CIA OFFICIAL GIVE BLEAK ASSESSMENT, TERM XUAN LOC
CAPTURE INEVITABLE AND CERTAINTY THAT SVN WILL FALL
"FINAL" (HOUSTON, LAT 4/17). SVN FONMIN AND AMBASSADOR
TO US EXPRESS READINESS NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT WITH VC
AND NVN WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, ACCORDING SFRC CHAIRMAN
(AP, CHITRIB).

SAIGON APPARENTLY BRACES FOR COMMUNISTS' DIRECT THRUST
(BROWNE, NYT). NVA RELENTLESSLY PUSHES ATTACK AT
XUAN LOC (PHINQ). WP'S GREENWAY AT SAIGON DESCRIBES
XUAN LOC AS BAD SPOT FOR GOOD FIGHT, REPORTS FEAR GVN
MAY HAVE COMMITTED TOO MANY RESERVES. NVA SOLDIERS
SPOTTED 12 MILES FROM SAIGON FOR FIRST TIME SINCE TET
'68 (UPI, NYDN; WP). LAT'S JAMESON (PHINQ) FINDS
BIEN HOA, NVA'S NEXT MAIN OBJECTIVE, CITY WAITING TO
DIE. NVA PRESSURE GROWS ON PHAN THIET (PHINQ; BROWNE,
NYT).

"BIG" MINH DEMANDS THIEU RESIGN PREVENT SAIGON BECOMING
"ANOTHER PHNOM PENH" (UPI, NYDN; PHINQ; WP). MINH
SAID READY FORM GOVT WITH VC SINCE PRESENT SITUATION
HOPELESS; CONSIDERED "THIRD FORCE" LEADER (WP).

VC SPOKESMAN IN PEKING SAYS COMMUNISTS WOULD NOT TAKE
REPRISALS AGAINST VIETS WHO WORKED FOR US. TWO ICCS
OFFICERS, IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN, CAPTURED AT
BANMETHUOT, RETURNED TO SAIGON BY VC (WP). ANTI-
WAR LEADER TOM HAYDEN SAYS THOUGHT INDOCHINA WAR
WOULD NEVER END; ADDS COALITION WILL BE FORMED IN
SVN IN ACCORDANCE WITH C-F (REINHOLD, NYT).

2. KOREA

REP ASPIN THURSDAY ASKED US HALT SHIPMENT 100,000 LBS
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ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL TO SK NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY;
CHARGED PLUTONIUM WASTE COULD PRODUCE "ENTIRE NUCLEAR
ARSENAL" (CSM). WARNED POLITICAL SITUATION "GRAVELY
QUESTIONABLE" AND "LAST THING WE WANT" IS THAT EITHER

SIDE HAVE NUCLEAR CAPABILITY IF FIGHTING FLARES UP AGAIN (REUTER, WP).

3. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS THURSDAY CALLED FOR URGENT ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING, TO DISCUSS SECURITY; GOP SPOKESMAN SAYS MANILA PREPARED HOST (WP).

LIGHT PLANE CRASH 160 MILES N MANILA KILLED TWO USN OFFICERS, WIVES ON SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT, ACCORDING USN SPOKESMAN THURSDAY (AP, PHINQ).

4. THAILAND

CHATICHAI THURSDAY SAYS RTG WOULD RECOGNIZE NEW CAMBODIAN GOVT, AND GKR LEADERS WOULD NOT BE GRANTED PERMANENT EXILE LEST JEOPARDIZE RELATIONS WITH NEW REGIME. THAILAND SEALS BORDER WITH CAMBODIA AFTER PP SURRENDER, BUT REFUGEES ARRIVE VIA GKR AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING FM KEUKY LIM, CULMIN LONG BOTTA. RUMOR UNCONFIRMED THAT LONG BORET, GEN SAK SUTHSAKAN IN THAILAND (UPI, NYT).

5. INDONESIA

NATOMAS SEEMS STRUCK "ENORMOUS" OIL, GAS PRODUCER OFFSHORE SE SUMATRA; SEVERAL US FIRMS PARTICIPATING (WSJ - SAN FRANCISCO).

ADF MALFUNCTION "PROBABLY" LED PILOT DESCEND PREMATURELY, CAUSING FATAL PAA 707 CRASH ON BALI APR 1974, ACCORDING GOI DIR-GEN AIR COMMUNICATIONS (AP, PHINQ).

6. CHINA

VP IN TOKYO SAYS SATISFIED ATTENDANCE CKS FUNERAL REMOVED ANY SUSPICION US SOFT-PEDEALING RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN; UNCLASSIFIED

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DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM PRES TO CCK, UNDERSTOOD REAFFIRM US SUPPORT FOR NATIONALISTS (AP, PHINQ).

CHINA, AFTER 17-YR ABSENCE, APPLIES FOR IOC MEMBERSHIP, SEEMS MORE THAN EVEN BET WIN BERTH IN 1976 MONTREAL GAMES (AP, WP). AMDUR (NYT) SAYS CHINESE APPEND NOTE TO APPLICATION, STATING TAIWAN "ILLEGALLY" OCCUPIES CHINA'S SEAT ON IOC.

AMB BUSH IN HK TO MEET US OFFICIALS, TOLD PRESS THURSDAY US-PRC RELATIONS MOVING "REASONABLY" IN SPIRIT SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. BELIEVES CHINESE SHARE FEELING (UPI, CHITRIB).

BANK OF CHINA AGREED WITH BANK OF TOKYO IN PEKING WEDNESDAY ALLOW JAPANESE COMMERCIAL BANKS WITH CORRESPONDENT TIES TO EXCHANGE YUAN DIRECTLY INTO DOLLARS FOR JAPANESE EXPORTERS. VIEWED AS SIGN OF CHINA DECISION KEEP SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF FOREX IN DOLLARS, OVERCOMING YEARS OF RESISTANCE TO SUCH MOVE (AP, TOKYO; WSJ).

7. JAPAN

SOVIET NEWSMAN ANATOLY DAVYDOV, IN JAPAN TO COVER TRADE FAIR ASKS POLITICAL ASYLUM, ACCORDING AMEMBASSY SPOKESMAN THURSDAY; REQUEST BEING CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON (AP, NYDN; CSM; UPI - TOKYO).
PILOTS, OTHER WORKERS STRIKE JAPAN'S THREE MAJOR AIRLINES FOR HIGHER PAY; GROUND ALL 107 DOMESTIC AND 34 OF 40 INTL FLIGHTS; STRAND 35,000 PASSENGERS (UPI, NYDN).

JOC'S CULLISON CITES MOF REPORT THAT BOP DEFICIT DROPPED TO 3.4 BILLION DOLS JFY, FROM 13.4 BILLION YEAR BEFORE.

HIROSHI ANZAI TELLS PRESS JAPANESE EXPECT COMPLETE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WITH EL PASO GAS BY END OF MONTH, AND US-JAPAN SOVIET SIGN JOINT CONTRACT IN MAY FOR 3.4 BILLION DOL YAKUTSK GAS PROJECT (JOC-TOKYO).

JAPAN, PRC STEEL NEGOTIATIONS DEADLOCK; CHINA WANTS UNCLASSIFIED

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1.5 MILLION TONS BETWEEN APRIL-JULY, OFFER 40 PERCENT BELOW ASKING PRICE (JOC-TOKYO).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

LAT'S LAMB (4/17) REVIEWS SVN PRESS PROBLEMS OVER PAST 9 YEARS; NEWSMEN FRUSTRATED BY TACITURN SOURCES, CURFEW, HOSTILITY. RELATIONSHIP OF REPORTERS WITH US AUTHORITIES HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER THAN "TOUCHY ONE." WAR WAS "MOST COVERED" IN HISTORY. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, NOTES FATALISTIC MOOD OF AMERICANS IN SAIGON WHO TALK ONLY OF LEAVING.

LAT'S JOHNSTON (4/17) SAYS DOD SHAKEN BY REPORT FROM OWN BUREAUCRACY THAT SAIGON CREDITED WITH ALMOST 1 BILLION DOLS MORE IN UNDELIVERED MIL HARDWARE THAN OFFICIALS KNEW. SECDEF BELIEVED ERRONEOUS. OPINES THAT "DRAMATIC" FIGURES REMAIN UNEXPLAINED, THOUGH SOME OFFICIALS BLAME UN-UPDATED COMPUTOR DATA BANK.

MOSHE DAYAN (LAT 4/17) DRAWS LESSON FROM VN, THAT ISRAEL MUST BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT "WHERE WILL YOU BE" IF EGYPT MAKE USE OF LAND THAT MIGHT BE TURNED OVER TO THEM TO ADVANCE THEIR FORCES. ASKS THAT GOI NOT BE PUSHED INTO AGREEMENT THAT WILL PUT IT IN

POSITION OF DA NANG.

CSM CALLS ON US TO SUPPLY CAMBODIA RICE. IF NEW RESPECT FOR NEUTRAL NATIONS, END TO DECEPTION IN NATIONAL DECISIONS RESULT, STATES CAMBODIAN TRAGEDY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM'S GODSELL BELIEVES REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHO OF INSURGENTS WILL COME OUT ON TOP NOW; IF KHIEU SAMPHAN, EXPECTS HIM PLAY OFF MOSCOW, PEKING, TO KEEP CAMBODIA INDEPENDENT OF HANOI (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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NYT WONDERS IF FUTILE BATTLE OF PP MUST NOW BE DUPLICATED IN SAIGON; ONLY SWIFT INSTALLATION OF NEW REGIME HAS ANY CHANCE OF NEGOTIATING COALITION RULE, ENDING BLOODSHED (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

KRAFT (PHILA BULLETIN 4/10) CITES "HIGHEST FRENCH OFFICIALS" THAT BEST MOMENT FOR CAMBODIAN POLITICAL SETTLEMENT CAME IN SUMMER 1974, WHEN CHINESE READY INTERVENE TO AVOID "VISIBLE DEFEAT" FOR US. CHANCE FOR DIPLOMATIC SETTLEMENT LOST WHEN WASHINGTON TURNED DEAF EAR TO CHINESE HINTS RELAYED BY FRENCH, NOT WHEN CONGRESS HALTED BOMBING 1973 AS ALLEGED BY DOS.

SIMONS (WP) DESCRIBES KR LEADERS, WHO REMAIN MYSTERY. ALTHOUGH SHADOWED BY INCONGRUITY, SPLIT INTERNALLY BY IDEOLOGY, HAVE CONTAINED DIFFERENCES WELL ENOUGH TO WIN ONE OF MOST IMPRESSIVE MILITARY VICTORIES IN MODERN WARFARE (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

IN FULL PAGE ON CAMBODIA, CHITRIB DESCRIBES KR LEADERS, GIVES CHRONOLOGY CAMBODIA FROM KINGDOM TO REPUBLIC TO...? CALLS GKR FALL "SIGNAL VICTORY" FOR ASIAN COMMUNISM, MARKING FALL OF FIRST DOMINO.

HARTLEY (WSJ) IN BANGKOK SEES HOARY DOMINO THEORY BEING RESURRECTED FROM GRAVE BY PROSPECTIVE SEA DOMINOES; REVIEWS GROWING CONCERNS THAT COMMUNIST SUCCESS IN INDOCHINA MAY EMOBOLDEN LOCAL COMMUNIST INSURGENCIES TO STEP UP QUIESCENT CAMPAIGNS.

STARR (CHITRIB) REVIEWS RANCOROUS DEBATE AS CONGRESSIONAL

COMMITTEES WEIGH PRES' MIL AID REQUESTS; BELIEVES PURPOSE TO ALLOW WEYANDS AND CULVERS, WITH PERSONAL STAKE IN ISSUE, GET SOMETHING OFF THEIR CHESTS, AT OUR EXPENSE, BUT WILL NOT ANSWER QUESTION, "WHO LOST VIETNAM?"

CHITRIB STATES END OF CHAPTER FOR CAMBODIA WAS FORESEEN, HENCE NOT SURPRISING -- WHAT HAPPENS NOW UP TO KR LEADERS, UNKNOWN TO EVEN BEST INFORMED PERSONS IN USG; AMERICANS WILL NOT HAVE BIG ROLE IN WRITING NEXT CHAPTER. ,
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NYDN ADDS "FERVENT 'AMEN'" TO HAK'S THURSDAY DENUNCIATION OF PRC AND SOVIET FOR ABETTING COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN INDOCHINA; TRUSTS ADMIN NOW WILL VIEW "WHOLE BUSINESS OF DETENTE WITH GREATER CAUTION," DEEPER SKEPTICISM.

SUN FEELS CONGRESS' ATTEMPTS TO REGAIN RIGHTFUL FOREIGN POLICY ROLE MAY TEND TOWARD EXCESSIVE INTERVENTION UNLESS ADMIN ENDS ITS SLUGGISH RESPONSE TO FINALITY OF RECENT INDOCHINA EVENTS. IN ACCOMPANYING EDIT, SUN MAINTAINS AMERICA'S INTERESTS BEST SERVED IF ADMIN SEEKS STRENGTHEN NEW CAMBODIA, AS EQUAL AMONG NATIONS, AND THEREBY EXPANDS THAT COUNTRY'S ROOM FOR MANEUVER IN DEALINGS WITH VIETNAMESE, CHINESE NEIGHBORS WHO, THOUGH MENTORS NOW, HAVE BEEN KHMER ANTAGONISTS INTERMITTENTLY FOR CENTURIES (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S RESTON FEELS QUICKLY NEEDED NOW IS DIRECT, SPECIFIC US DEMARCHE IN MOSCOW FOR FAITHFUL EXECUTION OF PARIS ACCORDS AND US-SOVIET "STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES"; PLEASED THAT HAK THURSDAY SOUGHT "CORRECT" FORD'S WEDNESDAY BLUNDER BEFORE ASNE: THAT PRC, SOVIET CAN'T BE BLAMED FOR AID TO HANOI (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

IN LETTERS TO WP: FORMER AMB GALBRAITH URGES US WORDS, ACTION TO CONVINCE THAIS, MALAYSIANS, SINGAPOREANS, FILIPINOS, INDONESIANS, OTHERS IN AREA -- BUT MAINLY OURSELVES -- THAT WHILE US MAY HAVE STUMBLED BADLY IN INDOCHINA, IT HAS NO INTENTION ABANDONING STRONG FRIENDSHIP, RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WITH COUNTRIES OF REGION; SEN BARTLETT COMPLAINS CONGRESS THUS FAR HAS NOT ARTICULATED ANY SEA FOREIGN POLICY, SHOULD BRING TO FLOOR FOR DECISION ADMIN'S MIL ASSISTANCE BUDGET, SVN/CAMBODIA EMERGENCY REQUEST; CLARE BOOTHE LUCE CONTENTS NATION'S FOREIGN POLICY IS INSOLVENT WHEN IT WEARIES OF FULFILLING ECON/MIL COMMITMENTS TO ALLIES IN BATTLE, ACCEPTS DEFEAT IN NAME OF "MORALITY"; R.W. KOMER TAKES EXCEPTION TO RECENT ASSERTION BY WP'S ALLMAN THAT US EMPLOYED AS VN STRATEGY CREATION OF REFUGEES; GEN. LANSDALE (USAF, RET) DISPUTES ALLMAN'S CREDITING HIM WITH STAMPEDING MILLION VIETS TO FLEE

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SOUTHWARD 20 YEARS AGO.

WSJ IS DISTURBED BY ERRONEOUS INSINUATIONS FROM EXTREME LEFT, RIGHT, OF MORAL INADEQUACY, DEGENERACY AMONG AMERICAN PEOPLE, THEIR INSTITUTIONS, AS PART OF SVN COLLAPSE LEGACY.

ANDERSON/WHITTEN CITE STATISTICS COMPILED BY INDOCHINA RESOURCE CENTER FROM DOS, CIA, DOD INFO SHOWING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT US SPENT 15 TIMES MORE DURING PAST NINE YEARS TO SUPPORT SAIGON THAN SOVIET, PRC SPENT TO HELP HANOI (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR'S NOYES (APR 17) REGARDS VN SITUATION AS COLLAPSE OF WILL BY US PEOPLE, GOVT, ATTRIBUTABLE TO DEEP-SEATED AFFLICTION OF AMERICAN BODY POLITIC THAT IS CERTAIN TO AFFECT EVERY NATION WHOSE SECURITY DEPENDS ON OUR PERFORMANCE AS GREAT POWER IN FUTURE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

BUCKLEY (BALT NA APR 17) SAYS CONGRESS SHOULD DO WHAT PRES ASKS IN INDOCHINA; BUT CONGRESS MIGHT REASONABLY EXPECT FORD DEAL "TOUGH" WITH SOVIET, INDEFINITELY POSTPONE PEKING TRIP BECAUSE OF THEIR AID TO HANOI.

TO TERHORST, PRES HAS ADROITLY DRAWN CONGRESS INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH HIM ON SVN'S FUTURE, VIRTUALLY INVITING LAWMAKERS TIE HIS HANDS; UNNECESSARY POINT FINGER AT CONGRESS, SINCE THIS WILL BE SELF-EVIDENT IN PARED-DOWN LEGISLATION CONGRESS GIVING HIM (CHITRIB).

NYT CARRIES OP-ED LETTER FROM BERNARDINE DOHRN OF WEATHER UNDERGROUND RECITING ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN EVOLVING DEFEAT OF US INDOCHINA POLICY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

PHINQ'S LOFTON FINDS "MORALLY INCONSISTENT" SEN KENNEDY'S DEPLORING PLIGHT OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES WHILE AT SAME TIME OPPOSING MIL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO PREVENT COMMUNIST AGGRESSION CAUSING REFUGEE FLOOD.

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IN APR 17 BALTO NA, CDN'S BEECH SAYS PRESENT AMEMBASSY SAIGON PLANS CALL FOR EVACUATION OF ABOUT 10,000 VIETNAMESE EMPLOYED BY US MISSION, PLUS THAT MANY MORE WHO HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH AMERICANS; IF THEIR FAMILIES INCLUDED, WOULD MEAN EVACUATION OF NEARLY

200,000 VIETS.

ACCORDING NYT'S FINNEY, MANY IN CONGRESS FEEL ADMIN, PARTICULARLY AMB MARTIN, HAS BEEN HOLDING RESIDENT AMERICANS HOSTAGE FOR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO GVN (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

9. CHINA

BOST H-A (4/12) STATES ABRUPT CANCELLATION OF CHINESE SONG-AND-DANCE TROUPE US TOUR RAISES SPECULATION ABOUT COOLING SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS; BUT OBSERVES NO ONE SERIOUSLY ANTICIPATES PRC BECOMING ABRASIVE SO LONG AS US-SOVIET DETENTE REMAINS IN EFFECT.

HEARST'S CONSIDINE (BOST H-A 4/16) DISPARAGES ELABORATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR PRC ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT SHIPPED FROM WASHINGTON TO KANSAS CITY; COMMENTS ONLY FEW YEARS AGO "WE WOULD HAVE IMPOUNDED THE LOT."

WSJ'S HARTLEY IN TAIPEI STATES WESTERNERS CHARACTERISTICALLY WANT IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS TO VEXING PROBLEMS, THUS SEE DEATH OF CKS AS OPPORTUNITY END NAGGING "TWO CHINA" PROBLEM. IN CONTRAST, CHINESE HAVE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH PROBLEMS; BOTH SIDES AGREE WITH SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THAT TAIWAN PART OF CHINA BUT NEITHER SEEMS SEE NEED HURRY THINGS. CONCLUDES TWO CHINAS WILL BE AROUND LONG TIME.

BOST H-A (4/9) OBSERVES OPINIONS DIFFER ON CKS' HISTORICAL ROLE BUT STATES WILL LOOM LARGE IN LAST FEW PARAGRAPHS OF PROLOG TO MODERN CHINA AS MAN WHO UNIFIED COUNTRY BEFORE COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER.

PHINQ DECLARES PRESCOMMITTED REGRETTABLE BLUNDER IN NAMING BUTZ TO HEAD US DELEGATION TO CKS FUNERAL -- ERROR, UNCLASSIFIED

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FORTUNATELY, CORRECTED WHEN VP SUBSTITUTED AT LAST MINUTE; BUT DIPLOMATIC DAMAGE COULD NOT BE ENTIRELY UNDONE.

10. PHILIPPINES

NOT MANY OF OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES HAVE SPOKEN OUT SO BLUNTLY AS MARCOS; BUT NYDN BELIEVES IT CINCH FEARS HE EXPRESSED ABOUT RELIABILITY OF US SECURITY COMMITMENT RUNNING THROUGH MINDS OF ALL. KISSINGER

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